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trees in the forests of South Arcot district in which the hon. Member is interested very much. In addition to the species of economic importance, the following species of trees have also been tried in South Arcot district :—

(1) Neem.
(2) *Prosopis juliflora.*
(3) Tamarind.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்தப் பெயர்களை எல்லாம் தமிழில் சொல்லச் சொல்லுங்கள்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கூடுமான வரையில் தமிழில் சொல்லுகிறேன்."

(4) *Acacia arabica* (Karuvalem in Tamil).
(5) *Cassia siamea* (Poonavaram in Tamil).
(6) *Sapindus emarginatus.*
(7) *Terminalia arjuna* (Vella marudu in Tamil).
(8) *Cassia fistula* (Konnai in Tamil).
(9) Mango.
(10) *Dalbergio sissoo* (sissoo in Tamil)."

Levy of tax on Crossword puzzles.

* 526 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal to levy a tax on Crossword, Squareword and Picture puzzles, etc.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Finance aware of the fact that in Mysore State and even in Bombay State this tax is being imposed? May I know why this Government, when it is struggling to fill up the gap in its budget, have not imposed this righteous tax on unrighteous gains?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Our intention is to prevent crossword puzzles. Once we impose a tax on them we will be creating a feeling that Government are having some vested interest in these puzzles."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take five more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Relief to handloom weavers.

* 527 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the benefits obtained by the handloom weavers under the Relief Scheme formulated by the Government; and

(*b*) how many handloom weavers are benefited under the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Relief Scheme was formulated with a view to afford immediate relief

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to the weavers who were thrown out of employment owing to the slump in the handloom trade. It enabled the weavers to join weavers' co-operative societies by paying share capital with the interest-free loans granted to them. It assured the weavers continuous employment and a subsistence wage and also relieved them of the responsibility to market the cloths produced by them.

"(b) About 71,870 weavers were benefited, as nearly 14,374 looms were brought under the scheme, each loom giving work on an average to five persons."

12 noon. SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ரயன் ஸ்கீம்படி கூலி விகிதம் ஒரு பொந்துக்கு ½ அணா என்று நிர்ணயிக்கப் பட்டிருந்தது. அதைப்போலவே இந்த செஸ் 'பண்டு திட்டத்திலும் ஏன் கூலி விகிதத்தை நிர்ணயிக்கக்கூடாதென்று நான் கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is this scheme independent of the 'Ryan' scheme?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This is the same scheme as that to which question No. 513 put to-day relates."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know the number of weavers in Malabar district benefited by this scheme, particularly because of the peculiar conditions of weaving factories in Malabar?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no information on that matter."

Disreservation and assignment of Maharajagadai Reserve Forest for purposes of cultivation.

* 528 *Q.*—SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any arable lands in the Maharajagadai (Naralpalli) Reserve Forest in Krishnagiri taluk;

(b) if so, their extent;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the landless poor ex-tappers and ex-servicemen to deforest the site for assignment for cultivation purposes; and

(d) if so, the action taken on their representation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The Maharajagadai Reserve Forest is well wooded.

"(b) Does not arise.

"(c) Yes, Sir. Representations were received by me on 4th December 1953 from the residents of Maharajagadi village for disreservation and assignment of 800 acres in this Reserve Forests which is named 'Adaguttlabailu'.

"(d) The matter is under examination."